SINCUS NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter of the Sinclair Users Society (SINCUS)

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SINCUS was formed at the December 15th. meeting; the constitution and by-laws were read and approved by those attending. From now on the monthly regular meetings will be at 7 pm, at the American Legion, 429 Main St. Johnson City (next to the old JC high school). The dues were set at $5 for 6 months for regular members, and $3 for six months for students, senior citizens and handicapped. The Charter membership rolls close at the end of the regular February meeting.

** This first newsletter is free to all on our mailing list.

To get your next issue mailed to you, bring a self addressed

stamped envelope (10 inch) to the next meeting (January 19th.)

Any constructive ideas for the next newsletter will be welcome.

The following are your temporary officers until after the June election: Paul Hill, Pres., Jerry Kendrick, Treas., Roger Pufky, Financial Sec., Bridget Krmenec, Record Sec., Al Henninger and Jim Jones, Trustees.

REM: To be eligible for nomination for office you must be an active member of a committee, so join up now.

We are officially now 28 members strong and growing. All of the membership is on tape; check your name for correct address, spelling, and dues. Bring a friend, tell a co-worker about us. The society was formed to bring together owners of Sinclair computers, to share ideas and problems, and maybe together find solutions. It has been suggested that if enough are interested in buying C20 tapes (blank) we could order them as a group, at a savings in cost per tape to you. A library is in the works, both for publications and programs. If you have something to contribute contact Jim Jones. See Roger Pufky about the tapes.

Sinclairs need solid state TV's. An old tube type won't do it.

A small (7 or 10 inch) portable seems to work best, and some

are in black and look professional with the Sinclair. Problems

with interference, if they occur, may be corrected by moving

the computer away from the TV, or by using a different circuit

(wall outlet) from the TV. If possible, place the Sinclair at

a lower level than the TV (elevate the TV on a stand, etc.)

Suggestions as to how best to set up a computer work station

(table design, etc.) are welcome. To write SINCUS: SINCUS,

Box 92, Glenn Aubrey, NY 13777.

At the January 19th. meeting there will be a question sheet for members to fill out. It will ask questions like: "What is your level of computer knowledge", and so on. This will enable the society to provide information and activities to fit the mainstream of members. Those with above average skill can assist others who are less informed. This kind of output is what it takes to make a club like this work, and there is always something new to learn.

Local Marketing Action: Have you noticed all the stores now selling small computers?...Wards (VIC 20), Sears (Atari 400 and 800 + Sinclair), Service Merchandise Co. (VIC 20, Texas Instruments TI 99, Atari 400 & 800), Tech Hi Fi (VIC 20, Atari 800), Hart Electronics (VIC 20, Atari 400 & 800, Sinclair)... And of course several drug stores and variety stores have the Sinclair on display. Needless to say, neither the entertainment oriented stores, discount stores, drug stores, etc. can give any helpful advice or information. Unicorn Electronics in the Small Mall on Harry L drive, Johnson City has not only the Sinclair computer, but a full line of books, magazines, and peripherals plus they have the electronics know-how to aid the Sinclair buyer.

Publications: SYNC Magazine - - on the Sinclair; published six times a year; annual rate: $16, (SYNC, 39 E. Hanover Ave., Morris Plains, NJ 07950). SYNTAX, a monthly newsletter on the Sinclair computer - -six issues for $17, (The Harvard Group, RD 2 Box 457 Harvard, MA 01451). There are many new books out on the Sinclair. There will be reviews in future issues of the SINCUS Newsletter.

At the last meeting a question came up on the 16K RAM. How to use from 8 to 16K addresses?. Read Nov/Dec SYNC Mag. article on block transfers...load above RAM top for transfer of variables from one program to another.

GOTO page 13, Jan. 3rd. issue Time... A fantastic piece of writing by Roger Rosenblatt: A New World Dawns. The Machine of the Year article that follows is average, but is worth reading, and makes one wonder where this small computer boom is going; a market that was under estimated but is now moving like a Porsche Turbo at Daytona.

STOP look at page 46 of the Jan. issue of Computers & Electronics...."Robotmate Of The Month"... The Heath / Zenith Hero 1. (Hero stands for: Heath Educational Robot). This is a computerized robot with working arm and claw, motor driven wheels, speech synthesizer, ultrasonic motion detector, light detector (responds to ambient light levels over the visible spectrum), and a host of other features. Too bad it's IRS season as the kit is "only" around $1500. The full working Hero 1 costs about $2500. Details: Heath Co. Benton Harbor, MI 49022...

REM The next meeting will be January 19th. at 7 pm at the American Legion, 429 Main St. Johnson City, NY. Plan to attend, we need your support, suggestions, and questions.